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1. SUMMARY - KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS WELCOMED INGERSOLL VISIT WITH CALL FOR (1) EXPANDED ROC-U.S. PEOPLE EXCHANGES, (2) STRONGER ECONOMIC TIES, (3) MORE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL, CULTURAL COOPERATION (4) MUTUAL EFFORTS TO CURB COMMUNIST EXPANSION. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE U.S.-ROC TIES WILL REMAIN UNSHAKEN. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS SAW INGERSOLL AS CAPABLE OF PREVENTING U.S. MISINTERPRETATION OF "PEIPING'S REAL INTENTIONS." END SUMMARY.

2. KMT'S OFFICIAL CENTRAL DAILY NEWS WELCOMED INGERSOLL AS OUTSTANDING FAR EASTERN AFFAIRS SPECIALIST WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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EXTENSIVE UNDERSTANDING EASTERN ASIAN PROBLEMS. HOWEVER,

TODAY'S SINO-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS UNDOUBTEDLY NOT AT PEAK OF FRIENDSHIP. TWO YEA*S WASHINGTON-PEIPING CONTACTS HAVE CAUSED SERIOUS PSYCHOLOGICAL EFFECT ON ROC GOVERNMENT AND MILLIONS FREEDOM-SEEKING CHINESE. PEIPING'S PEACE OFFENSIVE APPARENTLY AIMED AT ALIENATION ROC-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS AND WEAKENING POLITICAL COHERENCE OF ANTI-COMMUNIST GROUP, EVEN THOUGH MAOISTS HAVE NOT RELAXED VICIOUS ATTACKS ON U.S. THIS PROVED THAT WHILE MAOISTS ARCH-ENEMY OF ROC, THEY NOT TRUE FRIENDS OF U.S. EITHER. U.S.-ROC SHOULD (1) EXPAND EXCHANGES OF PEOPLE; (2) STRENGTHEN TWO-WAY ECONOMIC TIES; (3) PROMOTE SCIENTIFIC, TECHNOLOGICAL, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL COOPERATION AND (4) ENHANCE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL MATTERS SUCH AS CURBING COMMUNIST ASIAN EXPANSION.

3. PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT'S NEW LIFE DAILY NEWS SAID ALTHOUGH U.S.-PEIPING FLIRTING OCCASIONALLY PERPLEXING "WE ARE CONVINCED THAT TIES BETWEEN ROC AND U.S. WILL STAY UNSHAKEN AND ALLOW NO ALTERNATIONS." ROC-U.S. RELATIONSHIP CAN NEVER BE REPLACED. CITING EARLIER INGERSOLL WARNING TO JAPANESE ABOUT TAKING ACTION TO REDUCE TENSIONS AT EXPENSE OF STABLE POLITICAL CLIMATE, PAPER TERMED THIS GOOD FORMULA FOR INGERSOLL TO APPLY IN U.S.-PEKING RELATIONS.

4. ENGLISH-LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS SAID "FREEDOM IN TAIWAN AND ASIA AS A WHOLE WILL BE GRAVELY JEOPARDIZED IF THE UNITED STATES MISINTERPRETS PEIPING'S REAL INTENTIONS. AS THE TOP AMERICAN OFFICIAL IN CHARGE OF FAR EASTERN AND PACIFIC AFFAIRS, THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE WILL BE THE MAN TO HELP PREVENT SUCH A CALAMITOUS MISTAKE."
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